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To whom it may concern:

I would like to voice my opinion regarding the Proposed Settlement with Microsoft. It would appear that this settlement will do more to encourage the practices that Microsoft has already been convicted.

One of the problems that I find is that if I wanted to distribute any of the software that I have written, it will not be legal to run that software on any Window product because of their restrictions against using any software covered by many of the Open Source license. While Microsoft would lead you to believe that this software (Open Source) is "Viral Software" (a term used in their own literature), there are many machines running such software without any problems as described by Microsoft. This tactic is nothing more than Microsoft trying to instill FUD (or Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubt).

Thank you for your time,

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